



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of: Gerhard PFEIFER et al.
Serial No.: 10/002,539 Confirmation No.: 3274
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For: APPARATUS FOR RECEIVING MICRODISSECTED SPECIMENS
Art Unit: 1743
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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the office action dated September 8, 2004 received in the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully request reconsideration of the application based on the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings being on page 6 of this paper and include two attached replacement sheets.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 10 of this paper.